

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the heading prior to paragraph [0001] on page 1, as follows:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0001] The present invention relates to an interactive route guide device, and particularly to a route guide device that interactively provides guide information for a user.

Please delete the headings prior to paragraph [0004] on page 2, as follows:

~~**DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION**~~

~~**PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED BY THE INVENTION**~~

[0001] However, it can be considered that there is a tendency for guide information needed by each user to vary to some extent depending on each user's personality. For this reason, there is a problem that a user sometimes cannot obtain, from the conventional route guide device, an appropriate amount of guide information having an appropriate content for the user.

Please amend the heading prior to paragraph [0007] on pages 3-4, as follows:

~~**SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS**~~**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

[0007] In order to achieve the above object, a first aspect of the present invention is directed to the interactive route guide device. The interactive route guide device comprises: a storage unit operable to store at least one table which defines a type of guide information to be provided for a route from a departure point to a destination point; a guide information generating unit operable to generate guide information in accordance with the table in the storage unit; an output unit operable to output the guide information generated in the guide information generating unit; an input unit which a user operates in order to request guide information; a request management unit operable to manage a content of a request inputted into the input unit and a number of times the request is inputted; and an editing unit operable to edit the table, which is stored in the storage unit, in accordance with the content and the number of times, which are managed by the request management unit.

Please amend the heading prior to paragraph [0018] on page 9, as follows:

~~BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE~~ DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE
INVENTION

[0018] FIG. 1 is a block diagram showing a structure of an interactive route guide device (hereinafter in the present embodiment, referred to as a “route guide device”) according to an embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 1 shows the route guide device, which is mounted on, for example, an in-vehicle navigation system and comprises an input device 1, a storage device 2, a locator 3, an arithmetic processing unit 4 and an output device 5.